Industrially backward districts

2477. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of industrially backward districts in the country as on 31st January, 2000, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have formulated any policy to set up industries in the backward districts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) : (a) A list of 123 industrially backward districts classified as category A and category B, notified by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) *vide* notification No. 714(E), dated 07-10-97 for grant of tax concessions under Section 80-1A of Income Tax Act, is at statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The following important schemes are being implemented by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry for the development of industrially backward areas in the country :—

(1) Growth Centre Scheme : Under this Scheme 71 growth centres are proposed to be developed throughout the country which would be provided with basic infrasturcture facilities like power, water, telecommunication, sewage, effluent disposal etc. enabling them to attract industries. The growth centres approved by the Government of India are to be developed by the State Governments with a Central assistance component of Rs. 10 crore per centre (Rs. 15 crore in the case of North Eastern region) 68 Growth centres have been approved so far. The scheme introduced in 1988 has been extended to the 9th Five Year Plan period.

(2) Transport Subsidy Scheme : This Scheme was introduced in July, 1971 to promote industries in hilly, remote and inaccessible areas. Under the scheme, subsidy ranging from 50%-90% is admissible on transport costs incurred on movement of raw materials and finished goods from designated rail heads/ports upto the location of the industrial units and *vice-versa* for a period of five years from the date of commencement of commercial production. The Scheme is applicable to all industrial units (except plantations, refineries,

and power generations units) irrespective of their size, located in the North Eastern region comprising Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mijoram, Nagaland, and Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim, Andman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Darjeeling district of West Bengal and eight hill districts of Uttar Pradesh comprising Almora, Chamoli, Dehradun, Nainital, Pauri Garhwal, Pithoragarh, Tehri-Garhwal and Uttar Kashi.

The scheme was last extended upto 31-3-2000. However, in respect of North Eastern region it will remain operative till 31-3-2007.

(3) Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme : Under this scheme a subsidy @ 15% of the investment in plant and machinery subject to maximum of Rs. 30 lakh would be admissible to industries located in the growth centres and to new industrial units and/or their substantial expansion in other identified areas in the North East region. The Scheme is operated through agency of the State Government. The North-Eastern Development Financial Corporation (NEDFI) has been designated as the nodal agency to release subsidy to the eligible units on the basis of recommendations of the State Level Committee' State Government. The Scheme was notified on 1-6-1998.

(4) Central Interest Subsidy Scheme : Under the scheme notified on 19-2-99, interest subsidy @ 3% on the working capital loan would be payable to the new industrial units in the North Eastern region for a period of ten years after the unit goes into production.

(5) Comprehesive Insurance Scheme : This scheme notified on 14-7-99 envisages reimbursement of insurance premium to all industrial units set up in the North Eastern regions after 24th December, 1997 and included in fire policy 'C' (as per All India Fire Tariffs). The insured party shall pay initial premium which shall be reimbursed by the nodal insurance company out of a revolving fund maintained by the company. Funds for this revolving fund shall be contributed by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion. The Scheme will remain effective for a period of 10 years *i.e.* 13-7-2009.

The Office of the Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries), Ministry of Small Scale Industries & Agro and Rural Industries is also implementing the Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme (IID). The scheme introduced in 1994, envisages development of infrastructure facilities for small industries to fascilitates location of industries in rural/backward areas. Under the scheme 52 IID centres have been sanctioned in various States.

STATEMENT

List of Industrially Backward Districts in the Country , as Notified by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue vide Notification No. 714(E) dated 07-10-97

Category 'A'	**Category 'B'**
BIHAR	ANDHRA PRADESH
Godda	Srikakulam
Gumla	Mahbubnagar
Araria	
Madhepura	BIHAR
Dumka	
Khagaria	Katiyar
Kishanganj	Bhagalpur
Palaman	Gopalganj
Madhubani	Darbhanga
Jehanabad	West-Champaran
Saharsa	Saran
Nawadah	Bhojpur
Sitamarhi	Samastipur
Sahebganj	Deoghar
Aurangabad	Nalanda
East-Champaran	Gaya
Purnia	Muzaffarpur
Siwan	Rohtas
Vaishali	

Category 'A'	Category 'B'
	GUJARAT
Lohar-dagga	Banaskantha
GUJARAT	Sabarkantha
The Dangs	KARNATAKA
Idukki	Bidar
Wayanad	
MADHYA PRADESH	MADHYA PRADESH
Mandla	Seoni
Panna	Tikamgarh
Bastar	Shivpuri
Sarguja	Balaghat
Chattarpur	Jhabua
MAHARASHTRA	Sidhi
Gadchiroli	Vidisha
ORISSA	Raigarh
Phulbani	Morena
Kalahandi	Betul
RAJASTHAN	Rajgarh
Jalore	Rajnandgaon
Barmer	Sagar
Jaisalmer	MAHARASHTRA
Churu	Beed
Banswara	ORISSA
	Bolangir

Category 'A'	Category 'B'
UTTAR PRADESH	
Sidharthanagar	Mayurbhanj
Baharaich	Balasore
Pratapgarh	Ganjam
Maharajganj	RAJASTHAN
Banda	Dungarpur
Basti	Dholpur
Chamoli	Sawai-Madhopur
Uttarkashi	Tonk
Almora	Nagaur
Pithoragarh	Sikar
Tehri Garhwal	Jhalawar
WEST BANGAL	UTTAR PRADESH
Malda	Mau
West-Dinajpur	Hardoi
Murshidabad	Lalitpur
Coochbehar	Hamirpur
Bankura	Badaun
Jalpaiguri	Fatehpur
	Azamgarh
	Etah
	Barabanki
	Etawah
	Deoria
	Ghazipur

Category 'A'	Category 'B'
	Ballia
	Jaunpur
	Sitapur
	Jalaun
	Unnao
	Faizabad
	Kanpur-Dehat
	Mainpuri
	Gonda
	Farukhabad
	Sultanpur
	Mirzapur
	WEST BANGAL
	Purulia
	Midnapore
	Birbhum

Setting up of New Industrial Units in NER

2478. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of proposals for setting up of new industrial units in the States of NER pending with the Central Government for approval ; and

(b) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) : (a) There are 19 Industrial Licence (IL) applications pending with the Government for grant of Letter of Intent for establishment of units in the North Eastern Region.

(b) Application for grant of IL are considered and decision taken as per the statutory provisions and in line with the existing sectoral policy.